

SEVERE STORM SWEEPS CITY

Dr. W. H. Parker's Residence
Struck, and Lightning Plays
Unusual Tricks.

THE RAIN FELL IN TORRENTS

Streets Washed in Manner That
Made Superintendent Henry
Cohn's Heart Glad.

Lightning, thunder and rain, fiercest elements of the heavens, clashed together yesterday afternoon and night, and the result was a downpour and electrical display such as Richmond has not seen before this summer.

Beginning at 4:23 o'clock in the afternoon, the rain continued intermittently until after 11 o'clock last night, and during that time the rain poured down as if the cumulated clouds had some dire vengeance to wreak upon the earth; the lightning flashed and played around every pinnacle, turret and spire in the city, as if in mere wanton sport; and the thunder reverberated in long continuous roars, as though to add a grand harmony in accompaniment to the warping of the elements. Hundreds of transients and foot passengers were caught in the earlier showers and drenched through, and through the passing of a few seconds the streets were flooded and awash in every portion of the city where the low levels afforded space for the rushing waters, and soon the showers had the city to themselves, save where some belated foot traveler was found far from sheltered street, or overhanging roof where other shelter could not be found.

Though there was no real or permanent damage done, there lies more marvel in that fact than there would have been if matters had been otherwise, for the storm was controlled directly over the city and hung closely to the ground. Thirty-five minutes after the storm had begun the precipitation had reached a depth of eighty-eight hundredths of an inch, and by 5:30 o'clock there had been a rainfall to the depth of an inch and twelve hundredths. During the heaviest part of the showers the precipitation was excessive, though not unprecedented.

Brilliant Electric Display.
The greatest severity of the storm was more noticeable in the electrical forces at work; the lightning at times was fiercely lurid and vivid, and flashed so closely to the city that at every moment there was the fear that it had struck somewhere near and inflicted untold damage. The rain came down heavily in driving, sweeping showers, and soon every roof in the city was sending down to the street its full quota of the storm. In many places the trees were badly stripped of the branches and foliage, and in the upper portion of the Capitol park the gravel in the pathways presented a spectacle as of a gullied and rain-washed mountain side. Over on Church Hill, the highest portion of the city, the lightning played a peculiar freak at Dr. Parker's residence, 221 East Broad Street.

A brilliant flash was emitted from the clouds, and descending, vented its force upon the lightning rod affixed on Dr. Parker's house, ran down the side of the building, and then leaped clear across the yard to the lamp-post in the corner, where it found its way into the electric globe, and flared up around and around. It lasted only for a few seconds, though as the wires soon burnt out, and the whole house was immediately without light. The flame also divided and jumped to a tree near by, which it stripped and made lifeless.

Section in Darkness.
Intermittent flashes played and continued along the streets of the city, and in some places the lightning would leap from tree to tree, flashing into a brilliant arc as it passed, and reappearing at some other farther spot. In Lee District a pile of lime took part in the fiery energy of the electrical element and flared up in spots of combustion. A truck wagon was sent to the scene, but no other damage had been inflicted, there was only an emptiness where the lime had been.

For a time the storm raged with all the fury and intensity of those of tropical climes, but toward midnight the electrical influences died out, and at 1 o'clock only a dense rain was its chief characteristic. The storm, however, had practically lessened its fury, and soon after silence and darkness reigned supreme.

BROWNLOW CONTROLS.

H. Clay Evans Will Be Nominated for Governor.

(By Associated Press.)
NASHVILLE, TENN., July 11.—The Brownlow faction controlled the Republican State Convention, which to-day decided to elect H. Clay Evans, a former member of the legislature, to the State Convention, which will meet to-morrow.

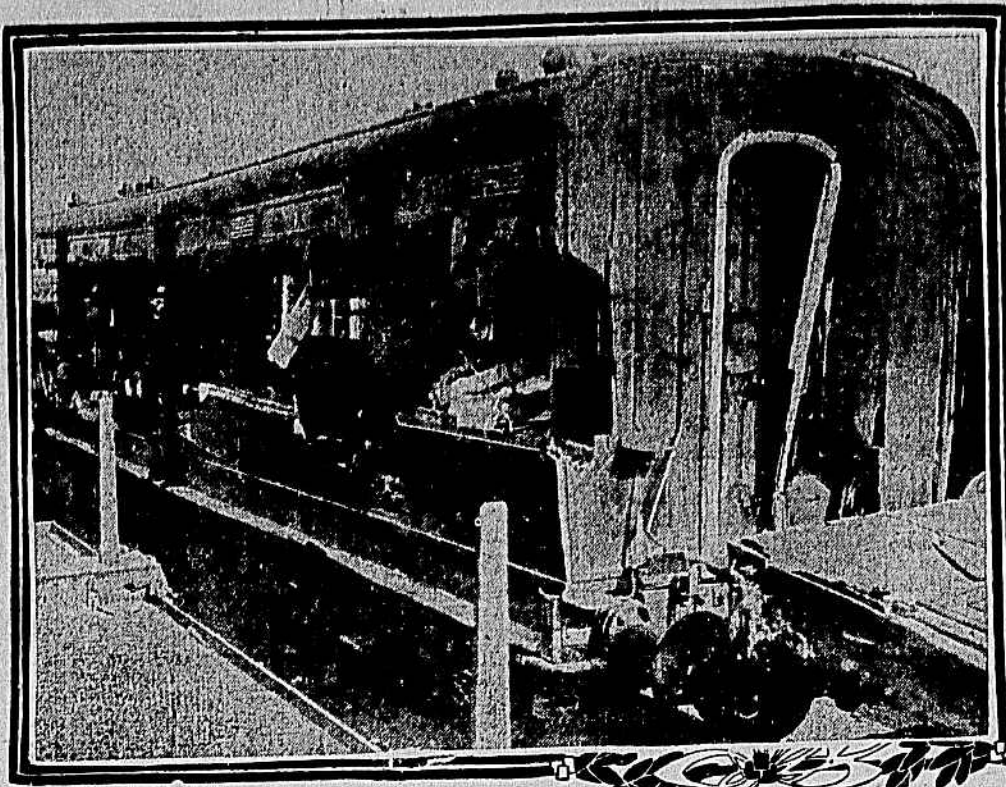
Mr. Evans will be nominated for Governor, but he probably will be unable to wrest control of the organization from Congressman Brownlow. Late tonight it was announced that Brownlow will himself be a candidate for the permanent chairmanship of the convention. This morning Evans was named as the candidate, and a warm contest will result, the outcome being in doubt to-night.

Mauzy Elected President.

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, July 11.—Dabney H. Mauzy, of Peoria, Ill., was elected president to-day of the American Water Works Association, which is holding its twenty-sixth annual convention in this city. It was voted to meet next year at the Canadian city of Hamilton.

John M. Diven, of Charleston, S. C., was named as secretary-treasurer.

PHOTOS OF THE BIG WRECK THAT STARTLED ALL ENGLAND



CRUSHED CAR IN WHICH EIGHT AMERICANS LOST THEIR LIVES.



M. STRACHAN,
Survivor of Brooklyn Theater Fire,
Sinking of the Steamship Portland,
and the Salisbury Disaster.

The Times-Dispatch herewith reproduces the first photographs to reach this country, showing the shattered coaches after the fatal smashup at Salisbury, England.

The fatalities in the wreck were confined almost entirely to American tourists who were speeding from the coast

to London. Among the few who escaped injury was M. Strachan, who seems to bear a charmed life, for he has passed through all the dangers of fire, flood and railroad disasters unscathed. He had a thrilling escape from the great Brooklyn Theater fire, and some time later was on board the steamer Portland when she sank. His escape in the Salisbury disaster was one of the narrowest he has ever experienced, as can readily be imagined from the kindling appearance of the coaches. In the coach more nearly intact, eight American lives were lost; in the other the casualties were even greater.

CHASE THE NEGRO WHO KILLED EVANS

Angry Posse Pursue the Unknown Black Who Shot Down Foreman Evans.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURGH, PA., July 11.—Shadows of darkness put an end to a chase after a negro murderer of Henry Evans, foreman of a corps of inspectors of the Pittsburgh and Western Railroad Company, at Willow Grove to-night.

Evans was shot by the negro, whose name is unknown, while the latter was trying to rob a camp car. The negro made his escape, but soon a posse of county detectives, citizens and railroad men took up pursuit. The negro made for the country districts about Millvale, nine miles from this city, and, throughout the day he was pursued, being sighted from time to time by the various searching parties.

Just before dusk he was run into a woods and shots were exchanged, but because of the darkness he could not be accurately located. A picket was posted about his hiding-place, and at midnight camp fires were burning, and the guard, mostly railroad men, refused to leave the place until the negro was brought out dead or alive.

NEW YORK.—Hugh Brown, stepson of Dr. Richard Ellis, and one of the chief engineers of the Belmont tunnel system, it was declared last night, is suffering from a probably fatal attack of the "bends," the malady that has killed scores of the workmen.

SECRETARY TAFT ON PANAMA CANAL

Gave Reasons for Apparent Delay in Actual Work of Excavation.

(By Associated Press.)
PUT IN BAY, OHIO, July 11.—Secretary Taft, in his speech on the Panama Canal this afternoon before the State Bar Association, began by giving reasons for the selection by the government of the Panama route, and explaining the apparent delay in the actual work of excavation. The necessity of improved sanitary conditions being established before the actual work of construction was actively commenced was strongly emphasized, and it was shown that the nearly twenty-five thousand employees had in reality accomplished more than any one realized in the building and equipment of railroads, and building of thousands of homes for those engaged in the work.

It was pointed out that the actual excavation was much less of a problem than with what to do with the material when it was taken out, much of which had to be carried fifteen miles, requiring the building of over three hundred miles of spur tracks. The question of obtaining sufficient labor was shown to be a serious one, and it had been necessary to employ large numbers of natives and Chinese, three of whom would do less than an average American workman. The estimated cost of the Panama route was placed at \$150,000,000, and the time of completion about seven years. The speaker said that the American people were disposed to be in too big a hurry "to have the day," and that it had been necessary for those in charge to withstand a great deal of political stress while carrying out the preliminary work.

The Cruiser Tennessee.

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, July 11.—The armored cruiser Tennessee was to-day turned over to the government by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company. The ceremonies, which were witnessed by a large number of the League Island Navy Yard, Admiral Craig, commanding, accepting the ship for the government, from the builders. The cruiser will probably remain at the navy yard for a month, sailing and taking on stores, before sailing for the Atlantic coast, where the 6-inch guns will be mounted.

Hang Three To-morrow.

Governor Swanson yesterday refused finally to commute the sentence of Archie Davenport, the Newport News negro, who is to hang to-morrow for murder. Attorney Ray S. Collier, of Hampton, presented the final appeal for the negro. Charles Woodruff and Tom Jones, two other negroes, are to hang to-morrow in Grayson county for like crimes.

THE PRESIDENT ON REAL VACATION

Conducting Affairs of State by Correspondence Entirely from Sagamore Hill.

(By Associated Press.)
"OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 11.—President Roosevelt is enjoying his first real vacation since his occupancy of the White House. In the week and a half he has administered affairs from Sagamore Hill he has had but two visitors, Sir Joseph Ward and Secretary Taft, and these visits were brief.

In conducting the affairs of state by correspondence entirely, the President is required to devote from three to five hours daily to his mail. Secretary Loeb went to Sagamore Hill at 9 o'clock to-day and did not return until 1:30. In this time the President signed more than 150 commissions, thereby inducting into office many officials in the diplomatic and consular service and a number of postmasters. Eliza Moore was arrested here to-day because he was trying to impose on the villagers as being in charge of the secret service force. He telephoned to Sagamore Hill that he would soon be out there, and warned local saloon-keepers that he would arrest them as soon as he got his uniform because of defects in their licenses. Moore told 'Squire Franklin that he had been discharged from the navy ten days ago, his last service being on the battleship Kentucky. He said he had a wife and family in Marietta Street, Tompkinsville, and if allowed his liberty, would go to them. He was sentenced to ten days' imprisonment at Nashville for intoxication. The Roosevelt children are planning an informal party for Friday evening at Sagamore, when their playmates in the neighborhood will be invited for a frolic and dance.

The simple life is for people who are so rich they won't be thought poor, no matter what they do.—Puck.

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CABINET IS IN THROES OF CRISIS

Split in Twain Over Question of
Maintenance of English
Navy.

THEY THREATEN TO RESIGN

Majority of Cabinet Stands Steadfast for Reduction, in Spite of All.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, July 12.—The Express this morning says the cabinet is in the throes of a serious crisis, split in twain on the vital question whether the navy shall be maintained in a condition of invulnerable efficiency or shall be weakened considerably and rival nations permitted to distance us in the race for naval supremacy. The paper points out that some days ago the cabinet decided to reduce this year's shipbuilding programme, abandoning one of the two battleships of the Dreadnaught class which it was originally intended to lay down the coming autumn. Three or four members of the cabinet, it is asserted, expressed themselves as opposed to "this most dangerous economy." Then came protests from the board of admiralty experts, including Sir John Fisher, Admiral of the fleet, all of whom threatened to resign if the cabinet persisted. At the cabinet meeting on Tuesday there was a prolonged discussion, but the majority stood steadfast for the reduction. The protest, however, had the effect of postponing consideration of the naval estimates until July 17th.

RUSSIA TO DOUBLE EASTERN RAILWAY

Issue Ten Million Dollars Domestic Bonds for Purpose of Improvement.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, July 12.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Tokio reports that the Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg has telegraphed to Peking that Russia has decided to double her section of the Chinese Eastern Railway and expand all its branch lines at an estimated cost of \$10,000,000 to be raised by the issue of domestic bonds.

The correspondent adds that it is reported that Japan intends to spend \$500,000 in railway and colliery improvements in Manchuria. "The diplomats here," the dispatch concludes, "are proceeding continuously with reference to the complaints of the Chinese association concerning the administration of Manchuria. It is realized that this must be the incentive to international intervention."

ANTI-JEWISH OUTBREAK ANTICIPATED AT WARSAW

(By Associated Press.)
WARSAW, July 11.—Sensational rumors current to-day that an anti-Jewish outbreak might be expected to-morrow have resulted in a panic, and thousands of Jews have fled the town. Similar scenes have occurred at Lodz. The authorities have adopted far-reaching measures which were all the more necessary as the soldiers and police are incensed over the numerous attempted murders of their comrades.

DECISION IN DREYFUS CASE IS LOOKED FOR TO-DAY

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, July 11.—It was announced at the conclusion of a secret court-to-day that the decision of the case of Dreyfus will be given to-morrow. The friends of Dreyfus are confident that the verdict of the Rennes court-martial will be an acquittal, but the judges have not given any intimation of the character of their decision.

M. Depressense (Socialist) gave notice in the Chamber of Deputies to-day that he would interpellate the Minister of War relative to his intention of preventing officers who had been convicted to prevent revision of the court-martial verdict.

PRESIDENT TO VISIT ISTHMUS OF PANAMA

(By Associated Press.)
HONOLULU, July 11.—Governor Carter has written to President Roosevelt inviting him to visit the Hawaiian Islands in connection with the proposed intention of the President to go to Panama. Governor Carter suggests that the President return by means of a triangular trip from the Isthmus to Honolulu, and thence to San Francisco.

AN ASSISTANT CASHIER ATTACKED AND ROBBED

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, July 11.—An Assistant Cashier Gasparovitch of the administrative office of the post office, accompanied by a clerk and a porter, the latter carrying a bag containing \$12,500, they were attacked by several armed men, who discharged revolvers at them. Gasparovitch was wounded in the head and a bullet passed through the bag of money. The robbers seized the bag and decamped with it.

THE SUPPOSED ANARCHIST PLAIN, EVERY-DAY MINER

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, WASH., July 11.—Investigations made by the German Society of this city show, the society claims, that August Rosenberg, a former resident of Seattle, now under arrest in Germany on suspicion of being an anarchist with designs on the life of Emperor William, was a plain every-day miner man. The anonymous letter on which he was arrested in Germany is supposed to have been written by a relative with whom he had trouble.

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS MEET BY AN IN NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.)
LINCOLN, NEB., July 11.—Leading Democrats of Nebraska are making arrangements for a special train of Pullman sleepers to go to New York for the reception in honor of William Jennings Bryan. The trip will be arranged so that the Nebraskaans may reach New York August 1st. The leader of the movement expects to take about three hundred "home folks," who will greet Mr. Bryan when he steps upon the pier.

Many Have Been Deported.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, July 11.—According to a collaborator of the St. Petersburg press, the subject, \$750 persons have been deported to Siberia since January 1st. The government intends to raise the famine relief money by a new internal loan.

Ladies' Knit Underwear.

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THAW'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PRESS

(Continued from First Page.)

B. White, the residuary estate is left to White's widow.

Letter from Sturgis.

A story to the effect that William Sturgis, a friend of Thaw, had disappeared after announcing that he would leave the country and not return until after the trial, was not at rest to-day, when Assistant District Attorney Garvan received a letter from Mr. Sturgis. The letter was dated from Berlin, Conn., where Mr. Sturgis is secretary of the Sewall and Rubber Company.

"I have been and am on friendly terms with all the members of the Thaw family," says Sturgis in his letter. "You can appreciate that I am disposed to respond to any call for information in my possession or knowledge which Mr. Thaw's family may see fit at this time to request."

Mr. Garvan said he will arrange to see Mr. Sturgis the latter part of the week.

Another Woman Witness.

Mr. Sturgis is reported as having been present in the home of a Mrs. Schwartz, in New York, when Thaw is alleged to have flourished a revolver and threatened to kill White with it. Assistant District Attorney Garvan said to-day that his detectives had succeeded in serving a subpoena upon Mrs. Schwartz, in whose home at a dinner party Thaw is alleged to have made threats upon the life of White.

May McKenzie, an actress, was questioned by Mr. Garvan for nearly an hour concerning her knowledge of the Thaw case. McKenzie is a friend of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. Miss McKenzie is one of the friends of Mrs. Thaw who have heretofore refused to furnish the district attorney's office with an information concerning the case, but it is understood that she has freely told Mr. Garvan what she knew.

FATHER OF THAW HAD GRAVE DOUBTS

Codicil to Will Intimates That
He Fears For Son's
Sanity.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PITTSBURGH, PA., July 11.—When the late William Thaw, father of Harry Kendall Thaw, signed his will, with some of which he also signed a codicil, which, to all intents and purposes, disinherited his son, Harry, the provisions of the codicil is so important in affecting the fate of young Thaw that it will doubtless be produced as a star feature of the coming trial. The legal text, while cold and formal, seems an expression of a father's love for a son who was wrung unwillingly from a loving father of the son's sanity. The father, Harry had shown marked symptoms of irresponsibility before attaining his majority. The codicil reads as follows:

"That if at any time, in the judgment of a majority of the executors of my said will, he shall have shown such settled character and course of life as to indicate proper capacity, discretion and fitness for the receipt, care and expenditure of the income of the estate or the management of the same, I hereby authorize and empower them to carry out in all respects the provisions of my said will for the benefit of my said son, Harry Kendall Thaw."

This clause, which throws such serious doubt upon Harry Thaw's mental condition, will be used by the defense to show that even the father of the man who killed Stanford White doubted his son's sanity at the time he almost cut him off with the proverbial shilling.

Judge Parker, in his statement, says: "The inference that Secretary Taft would have the public draw from his utterances is that these things are due to new statutes; that the vindication which the law is now receiving is due to congressional action since 1904. But that is not so. Not one of the successful prosecutions for which the existing administration is now entitled to credit is based on any new statute. Every single one of them down to this date rests solely upon the law as it stood in 1904, and it should not be lost sight of by a discriminating public that the law could have been enforced in 1904 and in 1903, and in 1902, just as well as to-day. Had it been, the wrongs which the people have suffered would not have so multiplied."

MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL STILL BE CALLED FOR

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., July 11.—At a meeting of the Central Passenger Association to-day the Grand Trunk Railroad gave notice that it would continue to collect membership fees from members of associations when they have been notified to do so. It was decided to discontinue this practice, but the Grand Trunk believed that such organizations as the National Educational Association are entitled to the favor. In selling a reduced rate ticket to conventions the railroad heretofore have collected a membership fee of \$2.00 from each delegate before selling tickets.

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